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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application		MS Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450									
1. X Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 3. X Specification [Total Pages] (preferred arrangement set forth below) - Descriptive title of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 4. X Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets a. Newly executed (original or copy) b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)	38 ] 16 ]	Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)  8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)  b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. Paper c. Statements verifying identity of above copies  ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS  9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Attorney  11. English Translation Document (if applicable)  12. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 X Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  13. Preliminary Amendment  14. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)  15. X Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)									
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).  6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76		16.									
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